



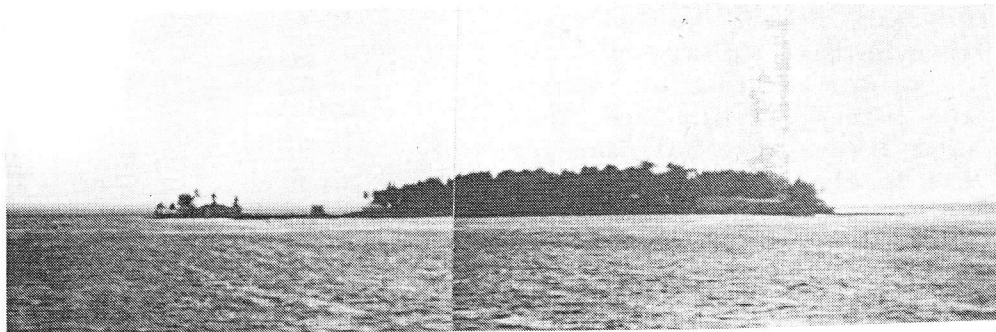
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ZK3RW ZK3RR TOKELAU ISLANDS



FAKAOFA ISLAND

On Feb 26th, 10 PM, I arrived on Tonga (A35) and went to the motel that I found ok last year. BUT to my surprise, the management had changed, now run by people from Taiwan:: No engleesh at all. The next surprise I found was they were reconstructing the place and continued the very heavy QRM/QRN until daybreak.

As the next day began without any sleep, I went to the University Centre with my gear. No problems except the coax was missing from the 80 m antenna. Not was all lost because I climbed the tower, shorted the feed point, added a bit of wire to the ends, a wire to the tuner and bingo, I was on 160 m. That worked so well I went up the tower again and hung my 40/80 antenna. After my other gear arrived I made 200/300 contacts on 160 and 6000 QSOs up the band. The only mishap was the fan on the amp was damaged.



Ron, ZL1AMO (ZK3RW)

Left Tonga Mar 12th and arrived at 5W1 along with Roly, ZL1BQD on Mar 11th. (went backwards over the int date line, Hi) We were met at the airport (by prior arrangement) by a nice young couple and a few YLs also. They took us to their village where we stayed 3/4 days trying to recoup a bit..

My amp and other gear didn't arrive when we did so I started checking around and guess what, no boxes anywhere. They finally showed up at the dock only one (1) hour before we left for Tokelau Before the deadline to depart here I did visit with Marty Mason, 5W1AT who lives 2800 feet up in the mountains. It was lovely and cool. I put up a 40 m antenna and made 1500 QSOs with the ICOM 735, a few on 15 m also. Very nice host...

We left 5W1 on Mar 17th about midnight on the ship and spent the next 26 hours mostly sleeping and eating.

Arrived Tokelau Mar 19th at about 2 AM and at daylight, we packed our gear again and t ashore in a very small boat. Our equipment was looked over quickly and we were taken to our quarters. A guest house, with about 6 beds and a "frig". There was also a "cooker" in the room but soon found out it had no gas in it..

After unpacking our gear, we enlisted a few local boys to erect our antennas in the best coconut trees. So on Mar 19th, 2300Z we began our operation from ZK3RW/ZK3RR. We were really lucky that their generator for the island was still running because we had power...

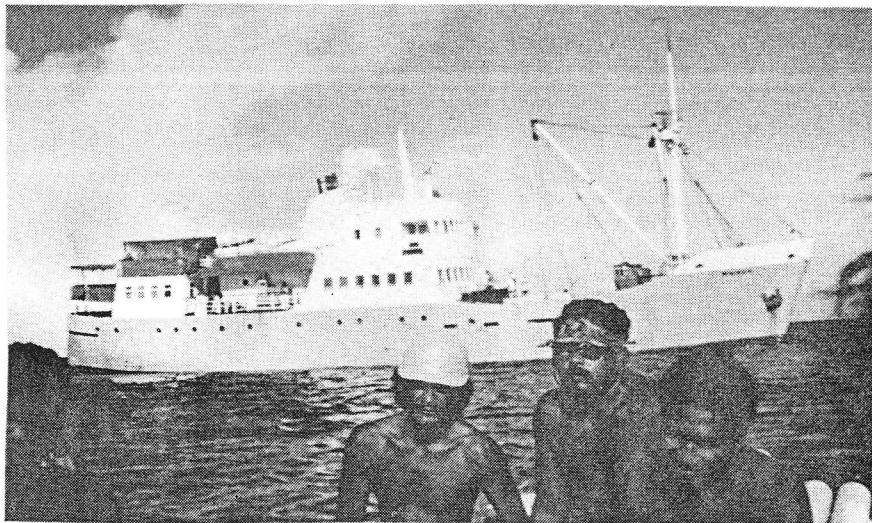
Living conditions here were a bit rough to say the least. The Officals in Samoa told us

there was plenty of food available in the islands, so we didn't bring any. That was one big mistake. The local people only eat coconuts and dried fish along with hundreds of flies. Before I forget it, the island is covered with pigs. Pigs around the huts, pigs in the trash, pigs in the water, pigs everywhere except in a pot. They did kill off a few when it was discovered they had chewed a bit on a child who had fell on the reef, hitting his head, before any adults found him...

We had planned to stay for 5/6 weeks on the island but conditions and the food did nothing for us at all. We quickly decided not to stay so we departed on Mar 26th after 8000 QSOs. We were lucky the ship returned by the island on it's return to Samoa, otherwise we would have to stick it out. I remember only too well the problems I had on a past trip were the only food there was rare fish. I couldn't go through that again.

We arrived back at Samoa on the evening of Mar 27th. The next 5 days were holidays for the locals.

We put up our antennas at the motel and operated for the next week as 5W1CW and Roly as 5W1FP. After this short stay, Roly flew home on Apr 3rd and I left for ZK1 the next day.



OUR OCEAN LINER TO AND FROM ZK3

I didn't expect any trouble at Rarotonga but I got it. The customs lady turned everything I had upside down, dirty clothes, clean clothes, everything. What a mess...She seemed to take her time and enjoy it. I think everyone should enjoy their job, but not when my clothes are being tumbled about. Finally she informed me I could not have my radio equipment, so I went straight to the ticket counter to arrange a flight home. The next morning I flew home and at least my XYL was pleased to see me.

After a day or so at home, I still kept thinking about the lady in ZK1 customs, so I started writing letters to the Minister of Customs and to the Governor, who is a ham also in the Cooks. Maybe I'll get that customs lady yet:::

In summing up, I'm glad I stopped at Tonga, at least I made a lot of the 160 fellows happy. The 3000 QSOs from Samoa sure helped as a backup.

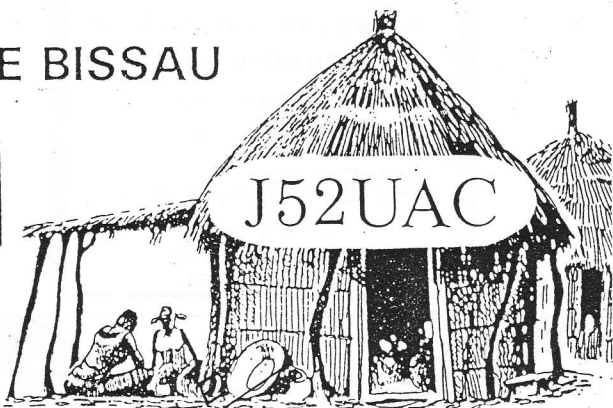
I have to do my homework now on the Tokelau Islands now. I will know how to handle any future trip and the right place to stay. The Tokelau people are New Zealanders by right but they sure treated Roly and myself as aliens. I found it hard to believe these people didn't want us there but does remember that the NZ taxpayers supports this strange place and people totally. They have nothing to offer and have no way to support their own demands such as power, fuel, airstrip etc: When the "Chief" learned we were leaving the island, he sent the local "police" to find us and give us a bill for \$480 dollars for lodging. This amount was finally reduced to \$120. This was another little surprise we didn't expect.

I will mumble to myself for a while with a few #@ remarks but the true spirit of amateur radio will take hold of me and I'll be off again somewhere, sometime..

73s Ron, ZL1AMO member # 024

CONGRATULATIONS to member #8, John H Parrott Jr, W4FRU, on becoming the Chairman of the DXAC for ARRL. John has worked long and hard for all us at ARRL in the past as a member of the DXAC and now has a larger load placed on his shoulders. Due to his work load, he gave up the job as editor for INDEXA (it also avoids any conflict of interest) and I (W4WMQ) will tap this one out for him but in the future your new editor will be Gary, K4MQG.

GUINE BISSAU



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CLUB STATION AND QSLs FURNISHED BY
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INDEXA has a club station in full operation with thanks to F6FNU and the Director of Post & Telecommunications of Guine Bissau, who happens to be one of the club members and operators. Our membership also supplied plenty of coax for 40/80 dipoles along with a new handbook, logs etc. The station is controlled by the Amateur Radio Club of Bissau which has about 50 members, most of whom are still studying for a license. If many more of those fellows pass the test, the station will take a beating, but that is what we need.

I think you have noticed the change in our Newsletter, which hopefully will please more of you, more space for information and photos etc.

John Clifford, NK5K who has been our super Secretary since near the beginning is carrying a big load on his shoulders these days and feels he should back off a little in order to slow down his pace. He wants to walk instead of run for a while.

John has made so many improvements and corrections in the past that I must admit he has saved INDEXA from many headaches and problems. If John has a suggestion for you, listen to it, because those old retired Air Force fellows still know how to think.

John, thanks from all of us for the fine job you did for INDEXA.

As of 31 Sept 1986, Bill Rutherford, NB5L will become the new Secretary for INDEXA. The NEW ADDRESS for INDEXA will be P O BOX 363, Richardson, Texas 75083. We want to thank Bill for accepting the job and look forward to working with him as we the members continue to make INDEXA one of the best.

UPDATES

- An amp sent to Manalo at 3C1MB for the second time. The first one was LOST by the Cameroun Air Lines, and yes a claim was filed for the money to replace it. This time we asked for a different route and carrier....
- Replacement finals for the amp at D68AM. Hopes he gets on the air now.....
- A 2 element tribander now in use at T30AT..
- Arnie, LA8CJ will write an INDEXA column quarterly in the LA DX Group magazine "BUGGEN"
- Assistance provided for the Sept- Oct 86 DXpedition to Christmas Island, VK9XI....
- QSLs, 11,000 of them to 11 DX stations....with our logo....
- Putting the final touch on equipment and or QSLs for FT8W and FT8Z this fall. More later...

Remember to check the date on your mailing label and if its close to the deadline, pse drop a letter to NB5L/ application enclosed.....

This is a first run of our new format so pse excuse any errors but remember our printer is still Dick, WA9AVN and our new editor starting with the winter issue will be Gary, K4MQG.

If you have photos or stories that would be of interest, send them in along with your renewal to NB5L

73/88 W4WMQ

Vote yes or no for each nominee. If voting no for any nominee, you may use the writein space if desired.

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NOTICE: Mail ballot to Election Officer,

William Jennings W4UNP
630 Whitepine Drive
Catawba, SC 29704 USA

** 1st/2nd VP slots not shown due to last minute vacancies dropped on us, W4FRU filling the NA Director slot & one nominee moved and his other obligations..This has been a @#(@: month.

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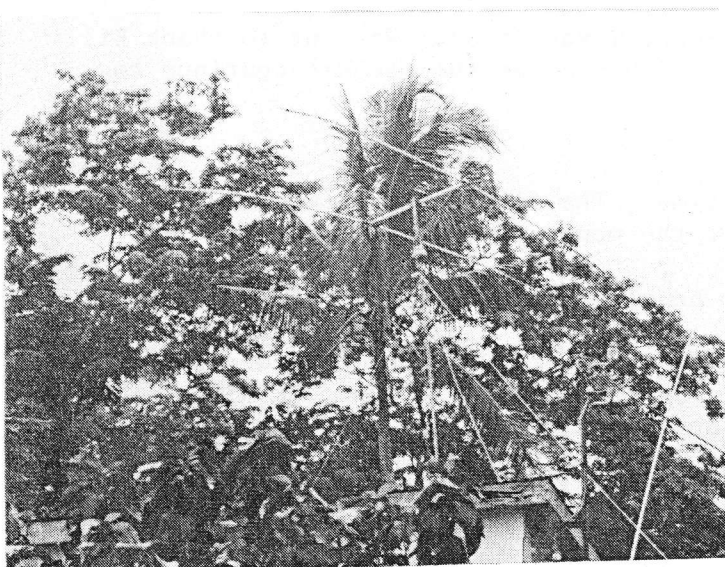


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D68AM ALAIN

Shown here with his 2 element triband and the 1 KW amp supplied by INDEXA. It would help many amateurs worldwide if he would only try to get on the air more often than he does. If you hear him, pass the word many need contacts....

DXCC FRESH-START ?

By now it should be common knowledge in the DX world, that the ARRL Board of Directors, at its 1986 second meeting, directed the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) to study the advisability of restructuring the DXCC.

The post World War II DXCC has evolved to its present level over the past 40 odd years. During that period, there have been many changes in the philosophy of accreditation, verification, criteria and administration. Viewing the simple manner that administration of yesteryears DXCC was conducted in contrast with today's rigid interpretation of the rules, has long struck me as being a bit unfair to many DXers, who are still or will be, climbing the DXCC Awards ladder.

This may well be as good a time as any to consider giving the DXCC a new face. In conducting this study, the DXAC will consider all aspects of the DXCC including the number and types of awards, accreditation criteria, administration of awards, operating etics, country criteria and the countries list. The big question to be desided is whether the DXCC should continue unchanged, be restructured with a fresh start as was the case in 1945 or provide a transition mechanism to a new DXCC program, without loss of credits for one's present standing in the DXCC.

In persuing this study, the DXAC will ensure that the high standards and prestige of the DXCC awards are not diminished by any recommended restructuring of the DXCC.

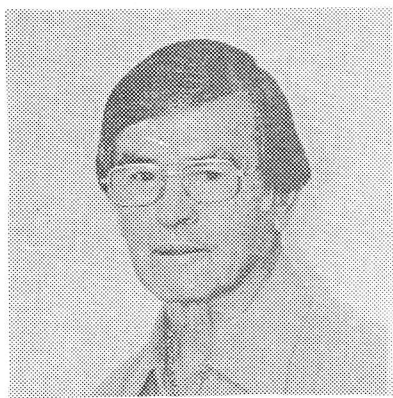
The DXAC's final report to the Board of Directors is presently scheduled for 31 December, 1988. The DXAC needs your inputs on this matter.

Send your comments to: ARRL, Attn: DXAC, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111

John Parrott W4FRU

Chairman DXAC

GOLDEN JUBILEE DXCC AWARD has been approved by the ARRL Board. This is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of DXCC. It starts 1 Jan 87 and stops 31 Dec 87. For a special 50th DXCC award, work at least 100 accepted countries during this period. A different address to send 11 cards will be used, to be announced later, so don't send them to Don Search. More later ..



AL NS6B

INDEXA NET CONTROLLERS are the fellows that keep 14236 alive and do a whale of a good job. We are proud of these and all those that give aid at times to keep the language barrier from stopping progress. This Newsletter couldn't list the many things they do off the air, on their own time to make it work. They will do it for the group and will also take time for just one amateur who has a need.

Besides AL, NS6B, who helps take care of the west coast, we have W6CNA, VP2MO, KA3HXO & NF4U.

We have had mug shots of all controllers except AL and Ted, NF4U which appear in this issue. They also operate on weekends for those that can't make it during the week and Ted will test Wednesdays for "DX stations only" that have a need to obtain or pass information...



EDUARD PANDOE, YC2AFP, Semarang, Indonesia became INDEXA's Vice Director, 2 year term, for the Asian area in July 1986. Eduard is very active in his our country as well as international circles which includes active membership in ORARI (Organization for the Radio Amateur-Indonesia), ARRL, INDEXA, RSGB, DIG. He is a contester with over 70 awards which includes DXCC, WAC-IARU USA, IARU Region 1-RSGB, IARU Region 3-New Zealand and ADXA-JARL. About 75% of all YB-YC-YD hams are located in or around Java Island (60,000) and he intends to explain the goals of INDEXA to them with intentions of gaining more members. INDEXA needs info from Eduards area and thanks to him, we now will have it .

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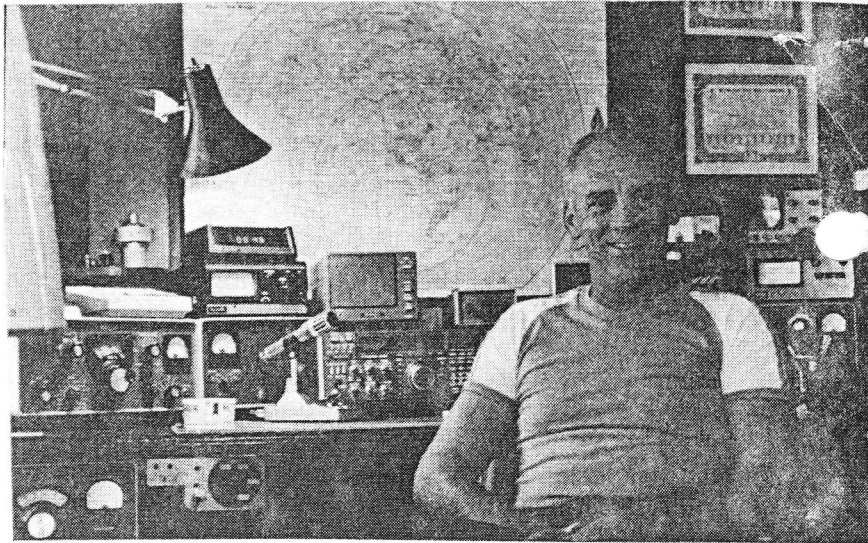
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RON WRIGHT, ZL1AMO starts his DXpedition to Christmas Island, VK9XI on 22 Sept. He will stay overnight with Jim, VK6RU, who was a BIG help in arranging a lot of this, then on to the island the 23rd. Ron will be active for 30 days on all bands with the help of Craig, VK9XW who will let Ron use his QTH and rig for 10-15-20. The club room is for 40-80-160.



TED NF4U

One of INDEXA's Net Controllers on the E. coast...

I was born in Sept of 1940 in Farmingdale, N.Y.. First licensed in 1956 as K2UTU, Then into the Navy and held K4GXH for 12 years while living in Va. Beach, Va. I received by extra class ticket and present call in 1980. Retired from the Navy after 21 yrs and operated from ET3USA For a short time while at Kagnew station in Asmara, Ethiopia. From 67-70 I operated as VK6UT from Exmouth, West Australia.

I hold CW 20Mtr WAZ #128, SSB WAZ, WAC SSB/CW, WAS, DXCC - 315/306, needing (1) more rare one for Honor Roll. I also hold the Arabian Knights award #372. My first "love" of course is "DX" but have been active in years past in numerous contests. Took 1st VK6 CW in the VK/ZL Oceania test in '68 and 3rd place "VK" for 20mtr phone. In as one of 3 ops of stn WA4WYN took top club score (519,116) in the CQWW DX test. I was also the First State Coordinator for the state of Maine upon the inception of Navy Mars in 1963. I am a Life member of INDEXA and have been a member of the ARRL for over 20 yrs. I really enjoy operating with the INDEXA group and one day hope to meet some of you in person. By the way since retiring from the Navy I have been working at a Nuclear/Fossil electric generating complex as a Security Shift Supervisor.

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